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Sites chosen to participate in pilot program with aims to improve health services for disabled Kansans

The Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA), the single state Medicaid agency, has released the eight sites chosen to participate in a pilot project that is aimed to improve preventive health care for disabled Kansans who are enrolled in Medicaid.

“We are pleased that community development disability organizations and independent living centers across Kansas are willing to participate with us as we reform the way technology improves our delivery of care,” said Marci Nielsen, PhD, MPH, Executive Director of KHPA. “This project will allow us to use data and technology in an innovative way to truly benefit Kansans.”

“This tool will ensure that screenings and preventive care opportunities are not missed, improving overall health outcomes and resulting in savings to the Kansas Medicaid program,” said Andy Allison, PhD, Acting Medicaid Director and Deputy Director of KHPA. “Case managers at these Community Developmental Disability Organizations and Independent Living Centers will be provided with training and a computerized, claims-based querying system that will allow them to ascertain the history of, and need for, preventive health care services for the beneficiaries they serve.”

The project will pilot the use of a predictive modeling tool to identify health needs and improve preventive health care in the disabled Medicaid population. This tool uses Medicaid claims data to allow case managers to see all medical services Medicaid pays for a particular person and has built-in technology to determine when someone needs to have preventative health screenings, like mammograms, colonoscopies, and blood sugar levels.

Partners with KHPA on this project are Ingenix Public Sector Solutions, Inc. and the University of Kansas Medical Center Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy.

Announced last month, the pilot project is funded through grant funding provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The following are the sites in Kansas that will participate in this project:

- Brown County Developmental Services, Inc., Hiawatha
- Nemaha County Training Center, Seneca
- Developmental Services of NW Kansas, Inc., Hays
- Disability Planning Organization of Kansas, Salina
- Class, LTD, Columbus
- Three Rivers, Inc., Wamego
- Prairie Independent Living Resource Center, Hutchinson
- Center for Independent Living for SW Kansas, Garden City

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